ANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) At the Aid India Consortium Meeting held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989, members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budget deficit. Some of them said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction. However, no specific suggestions were made in this regard.

Financial Assistance by Bush Administration

1970. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bush Administration agreed to extend financial assistances to the Government of India during 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S. Congress opposed the above move; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Bush Administration's request for foreign assistance for FY 1990 is still under consideration in the U.S. Congress.

Cases against industries|manufacturers pending Investigations and prosecutions under FERA

1971. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of FERA cases pending investigation against industries| manufacturers since January 1987 till 30th June, 1989;

(b) what are the details of such industries manufacturers which have been find or prosecuted; and

(c) what is the total amount collected till 30th June, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During the period from 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, the Directorate of Enforcement had adjudicated 13395 cases under FERA and 8007 cases were pending investigation as on 30-6-89.

No separate statistics of individuals, companies, industries and manufacturers are maintained.

(c) During the period, 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, a total penalty of Rs. 583.85 lakhs was realised.

Clearing of cheques by Delhi branches of State Bank of India

1972. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Delhi branches of State Bank of India take two days for clearing cheques other banks in Delhi do the same after one day only; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that in accordance with the procedure followed by Clearnig House in Delhi in the processing of cheques, all cheques received on a particular day are sent to the concerned banks alongwith the settlement position on the next day. The banks after checking up the position with the respective banks, return the un-accep-

ted cheques on the same day. After further inter-bank sattlement, the banks allow payments to the account holders on the third day. While State Bank of India allows credits and withdrawals on the third day, in some banks, credits are afforded on the 2nd day. No withdrawal is allowed on the second day by any bank in Delhi.

Manufacture of Mercedes Benz and Lada cars

1973. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mercedes Benz, the West German automobile giant has submitted a fresh proposal to Government for the manufacture of a series of passenger cars exclusively for exports to third world countries; if so, what are the details of the proposal and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what is the progress of plan for manufacture of Lada, the Russian car cleared by Government to be manufactured by a private company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) No application has been received from the Mercedes Benz Company on the matter.

(b) Government have approved the proposal of M|s. Asian Vehicle Industries Ltd., New Delhi, for establishing a project in the Madras Export Processing Zone for the manufacture of automotive Vehicles for 100 per cent export with Soviet Collaboration.

Central para-military forces for Andhra Pradesh

1974. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government requested for Central para-military forces and for more weapons during the period from January to 5th June, 1989; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of heavy deployment, additional companies of Central para-military forces could not be provided, but the State Government were allowed to retain six companies of CRPF already with them. Adequate quantities of weapons have also been provided to the State Government.

Central assistance to Police Housing Corporation, Andhra Pradesh

1975. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend financial assistance to the Police Housing Corporation, Andhra Pradesh, for the construction of houses for police personnel in that State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE